

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF JULY 3RD, 1935.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Board, in the Union Trust Building, Baltimore, on July 3rd, 1935.

Present:

Harry W. Nice, Governor.
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

Doctor George H. Preston, Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, Doctor Robert P. Winterode, Superintendent, Crownsville State Hospital, Mr. William P. Gundry and Mr. Fred T. Dorton, members of the Board of Crownsville State Hospital, appeared before the Board.

Doctor Winterode and the members of Crownsville State Hospital Board, presented to the Board of Public Works a proposal that the amount of \$113,500. which the Board of Public Works made available to Crownsville State Hospital for construction work be regarded as 55% of the total cost of projects to be undertaken at the Institution, the remaining 45% to come from the United States Government as a Grant in connection with the work. The Board of Public Works advised the Institution officials that it was not favorable to the proposal outlined, and that the total cost of work to be undertaken at the Institution should not exceed the the \$113,500.00 allotted by the Board of Public Works, and that any Grant we receive from the United States Government in connection with the work would be received into the State Treasury and used as an off-set against the amount of \$113,500. to be expended by the State for the work.

The Board stated that later, after receipt of the Grant money, it would be willing to consider proposals from Crownsville State Hospital for work involving the use of some, or all of the Grant money, but that no commitment could be made at this time based on the receipt of any funds from Washington.

Mental Hygiene

Doctor Preston requested the Board to authorize him to file with the United States Government applications for Grants in connection with the construction work at the Eastern Shore State Hospital and Spring Grove State Hospital, allotments for which work were made by the Board of Public Works out of the Construction Fund of \$700,000 made available through the sale of bonds of the April 15, 1935 installment of the Emergency Bond Issue of 1935.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted -

A RESOLUTION authorizing the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene to file an application to the United States of America through the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works for a grant to aid in financing the construction of a building for the Eastern Shore State Hospital and designating Henry Powell Hopkins to furnish such information as the Government may request.

Be it resolved by the Board of Public Works:

Section 1. That the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene be and he is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the Eastern Shore State Hospital to the United States of America for a grant to aid in financing the construction of a new admissions building.

Section 2. That Henry Powell Hopkins be and is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the United States of America through the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works may reasonably request in connection with the application which is herein authorized to be file.

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A RESOLUTION authorizing the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene to file an application to the United States of America through the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works for a grant to aid in financing the construction of three buildings for Spring Grove State Hospital and designating Henry Powell Hopkins to furnish such information as the Government may request.

Be it resolved by the Board of Public Works:

Section 1. That the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene be and he is ~~authorized~~ authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of Spring Grove State Hospital to the United States of America for a grant to aid in financing the construction of two cottages and one kitchen and dining room building.

Section 2. That Henry Powell Hopkins be and is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the United States of America through the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works may reasonably request in connection with the application which is herein authorized to be filed.

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The following resolutions were unanimously adopted -

A RESOLUTION

authorizing the Superintendent of Rosewood State Training School to file an application to the United States of America through the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works for a grant to aid in financing the additions and repairs to power plant at Rosewood State Training School and designating Dr. Kenneth B. Jones, Superintendent of Rosewood State Training School to furnish such information as the Government may request.

Be it resolved by the Board of Public Works:

Section 1. That the Superintendent of Rosewood State Training School be and he is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the Rosewood State Training School to the United States of America for a grant to aid in financing the construction of additions and repairs to power plant at Rosewood State Training School.

Section 2. That Doctor Kenneth B. Jones be and is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the United States of America through the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works may reasonably request in connection with the application which is herein authorized to be filed.

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A resolution authorizing the ~~Superintendent~~* of Crownsville State Hospital to file an application to the United States of America through the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works for a grant to aid in financing the construction of a building, the remodeling of an existing building, and equipment of said buildings, ~~and work on sewerage system,~~ for the Crownsville State Hospital and designating ~~Doctor Robert P. Winterode, Superintendent~~* of Crownsville State Hospital to furnish such information as the Government may request.

Be it resolved by the Board of Public Works:

Section 1. That the ~~Superintendent~~* of Crownsville State Hospital be and he is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the Crownsville State Hospital to the United States of America for a grant to aid in financing the construction of a new building, the remodeling of an existing building, equipment of said buildings ~~and work on sewerage system.~~

Section 2. That ~~Doctor Robert P. Winterode, Superintendent~~* of Crownsville State Hospital, be and is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the United States of America through the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works may reasonably request in connection with the application which is herein authorized to be filed.

* President or Secretary of Board of Managers

The following letter from the University of Maryland was read and considered -

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

July 3, 1935.

Dear Governor Nice:

At the May 17 meeting of the Board of Regents, the Board passed a resolution to purchase two farms near Pfeiffer's Corner, in Howard County. These farms have a total of approximately 378 acres, and the cost is \$17,000. The Board expects to use these properties in its agricultural activities, largely in the developing of its animal husbandry department and for growing of crops for feed.

The Board herewith requests approval of the Board of Public Works for this purchase, money for same being available from the 1933 appropriation for land.

A copy of the Board of Regents resolution will be filed with the requisition when it is sent through the Comptroller's office, provided the purchase meets with your approval.

Sincerely,

/s/ H. C. Byrd,
Vice President.

Hon. Harry W. Nice,
Governor of Maryland,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the request of the University of Maryland for the purchase of land as set forth in the foregoing letter, payment to be made from the appropriation to the University of Maryland for the purchase of land included in the General Bond Issue of 1933.

The Secretary read a letter from Spring Grove State Hospital, asking for an allowance of \$950.00 for the installation of a pasteurizing machine to take care of 200 gallons of milk per day.

The request was disapproved because of the fact that the Board did not have any funds available to cover the purchase of the equipment.

The following letter from Hon. Carroll T. Bond, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, was read and considered -

COURT OF APPEALS

June 19, 1935.

Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

As you may know, a room in the Court of Appeals building between the State Library and the offices of the Clerk of the Court has, as a result of the recent alterations of space and removals of material, been left bare and its scars exposed. For a long while, the court and some of the members of the bar have been hoping to have this room eventually cleared out and equipped for use as a waiting room and center of the bar of the State, and if it can be done now, the time would, of course, be most opportune. Lawyers have no place to wait for cases except in the library or in the court room, in both of which places they must keep silence. Attempts to adapt the room have been made in years past, but for one reason or another nothing came of them.

Could the Board of Public Works undertake the expense of repainting and furnishing the room now? Some inquiries as to cost have been made, and we are told that if it can be done during the summer the cost will be a little lower than at other times, but even in the summer, it seems, the cost would run up toward \$1,000. I do not think it would quite reach that, as some items could be eliminated from the purchases; some chairs already on hand could be used, and the total number could be cut down. We would not, of course, want to treat with the dealers or manufacturers further without assurance that the money will be available at the end of the summer.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Carroll T. Bond.

The Board was agreeable to the request of Judge Bond and authorized the Secretary to advise him that he may proceed with the work provided payment therefor will not have to be made until October 1st, 1935, or very shortly thereafter, to come out of the Reserve Fund for the fiscal year 1936.

The following letter from the Board of Welfare, dated June 25th, 1935, was read and considered -

BOARD OF WELFARE (Correction)

June 25th, 1935.

Mr. Joseph O'C. McCusker, Clerk,
Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker,

The Board, at its meeting held today, directed me to take up and secure authority from the Board of Public Works for the transferring of \$518.28 from the Maryland State Penal Farm account to the Loan and Construction Account of the Maryland Penitentiary and the Maryland House of Correction to cover the deficit in this account.

The Loan and Construction Account was financed with \$174,000.00 of State money and \$69,000.00 from a Federal Grant. When this work was about two-thirds completed, an order was issued on us by the P.W.A. Authorities for the placing of a full time inspector on the job, thus creating this deficit. If this full time inspector had not been required, we would have shown a surplus in the account of \$396.65.

Please advise me of the action of your Board so that we may, if the Board acts favorably, transfer this money and close this account.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Robert D. Case,
Secretary.

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The Board approved the request for the transfer of \$518.28 from the Maryland State Penal Farm Account to the Loan and Construction Account of the Maryland Penitentiary and the Maryland House of Correction as set forth in the foregoing letter.

The Secretary presented to the Board a bill of the Flag, Banner & Pennant Shop, Baltimore, to the Executive Department, for one United States Flag and One Maryland State Flag, in the amount of \$61.50.

The Board authorized the payment of this bill out of its Contingent Fund.

Surety Bonds

The Board considered a letter addressed to the Governor by Mr. Carlyle Barton of the law firm of Niles, Barton, Morrow & Yost, relative to the claims of the State against the Public Indemnity Company and the National Surety Company on bonds written by those companies covering deposits of funds in banks.

The Board directed the Secretary to communicate with Mr. Barton and advise him that the Board approved his recommendations and was willing to have him use his judgment in any further steps to be taken in connection with the settlement of our claims.

The Secretary presented to the Board a letter addressed to it by Emanuel Gorfine, relative to a proposal that the State acquire from his client, Doctor Michael A. Abrams, owner of the Blue Ridge Mountain House property, consisting of four hundred and nineteen (419) acres in Washington County, to be used in connection with the National Guard Reservation of the State, known as Camp Ritchie, the property adjoining in Washington County.

Mr. Gorfine in his letter suggested that the State might be willing to dispose of its property in Pikesville, known as the Confederate Soldiers' Home, and that his client would be willing to exchange the Blue Mountain House tract for the Pikesville property, plus any other obsolete or unnecessary holding that the State of Maryland may possess.

Mr. Gorfine further wrote the Board under date of July 2nd, stating that he had conferred with Doctor Abrams, and that they were willing to offer the Blue Mountain House property to the State for cash, at a price of \$40,000.00.

The Board decided it could not give the matter any consideration at this time because of not having any authority to dispose of the Confederate Soldiers' Home property and no funds for the purchase of any other property.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Joseph O. McCluskey
Secretary.